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Interview Summary and Supplemental Reply to Paper No. 4

Sir:

In response to the telephonic interview held on July 30, 2002, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows, including proposed corrections to the drawings.

Interview Summary

On July 30, 2002, at roughly 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, Examiner Rudy and Ms. Sheldon discussed proposed amendments to Figure 1. Generally, Ms. Sheldon inquired whether including terms such as "server" and "memory" inside the representative boxes would be acceptable amendments, as suggested by the Group Director (see Paper No. 8). Examiner Rudy indicated that these types of changes might possibly be acceptable. However, he would have to formally consider a submission before approving the proposed changes. Nonetheless, Examiner Rudy indicated that such a submission would be considered, at a minimum, a *bona fide* attempt to advance prosecution of the application thereby forgoing abandonment of the application in August 2002. Accordingly, the above-mentioned proposed changes to the drawings have been included herewith.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving an electronic indication of an inventory allocation includes receiving said inventory allocation from a remote site.

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